

County of Riverside Homeless Facts

In recent years, the County of Riverside has taken significant steps to gather information about its homeless population. Among these steps has been the completion of the **2004/2005 County of Riverside Homeless Assessment**, a two-year study that included a countywide point-in-time census of homeless persons living on the streets and in shelters (2005), and an extensive, in-depth survey of the County's homeless population (2004). The information collected through these efforts will serve as the foundation for developing the County's "**10-Year Strategy to End Homelessness**." Significant findings from the census and survey include the following:

- There are **4,785 homeless people** on a given day in the County of Riverside;
- More than one out of five (1,091 or 23%) homeless people in Riverside County on any given day are children under the age of 18;
- One-third (1,588 or 33.2%) of the homeless people in Riverside County on any given day are members of families with children;
- Almost one-third (1,140 or 30%) of the homeless adults are female however the majority of adults are male (2,599 or 70%);
- Women and children together make up almost half (2,231 or 46.6%) of the homeless population in Riverside County on any given day;
- More than one of four (1,424 or 29.7%) homeless people in Riverside County on any given day are under 25 years of age; Almost one of four (823 or 23.9%) homeless adults are over 50 years of age;
- Only one-third (1,622 or 33.9%) of the homeless population in Riverside County can be found residing in an emergency shelter or other temporary housing facilities on any given day;
- Almost half (44% or 2,110) of the homeless population in Riverside County can be found in the Western/Metropolitan region of the County on any given day.

Region	#	%
Region A (Western/Metropolitan)	2,110	44%
Region B (I-15 Corridor)	492	10.3%
Region C (Mid-County)	717	15%
Region D (Desert/Coachella Valley)	1,362	28.5%
Region E (Blythe)	104	2.2%
Total	4,785	100%

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- More than one-third (1,125 / 35.2%) of the homeless single adults on any given day in Riverside County meet the federal definition of being chronically homeless;
- Nearly half (1,840 / 49.2%) of the homeless adults on any given day in Riverside County have been homeless for one (1) year or more; conversely, nearly one-third (1,099 / 29.3%) of the homeless adults on any given day have been homeless for three months or less;
- Almost two-thirds of homeless women (765 / 67.1%) in Riverside County on any given day have experienced domestic violence in their lives;
- More than one in ten (420 / 11.2%) homeless adults on any given day have been in the foster care system; One out of four (105 / 25%) homeless adults who were in the foster care system became homeless upon discharge from the system;
- More than 3,000 (3,414 / 91.3%) homeless adults on any given day in Riverside County have an income of less than \$12,000 a year. Almost half (1,843 / 49.3%) of the homeless adults on any given day have no consistent monthly income;
- More than 2,000 (2,314 / 61.9%) homeless adults in Riverside County on any given day have diagnosable symptoms of mental illness;
- More than 1,500 (1,522 / 40.7%) homeless adults on any given day have persistent health care needs;
- More than half (1,959 / 52.4%) homeless adults on any given day are currently using alcohol and/or other drugs and almost four out of five (2,958 / 86.2%) have used alcohol or other drugs in the past;
- Almost one out of four homeless men (603 / 23.2%) in Riverside County on any given day is a military veteran.

To access the entire County of Riverside 2004/2005 Homeless Assessment,
go to www.N2NCoalition.org or www.homeless-research.org
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